

## SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

There is good reason to believe that the type of physical environment in which people live reflects the type of social lives they live within the community. There are a number of social characteristics such as the number of cases of certain communicable diseases and the number of crimes committed which reflect the environment conditions within an area. These different types of characteristics have been plotted for Elizabeth City indicating areas in which there are a high degree of incidence. The following social criteria have been surveyed:

1. Tuberculosis is closely related to the physical conditions within a planning neighborhood and reflects overcrowded conditions, low incomes and insufficient ventilation and light. It is a communicable disease of particular importance because of its chronic character which usually effects an entire family and often results in economic distress. It is a major, but avoidable cause of death. For the purpose of this study, tuberculosis cases recognized from June 1, 1927 to June 1, 1962 have been plotted on a map according to the general area of residence. This information was secured from the Pasquotank County Health Department.
2. Venereal diseases is an essential index of social conditions reflecting poor moral and health conditions within a planning neighborhood. Known cases of venereal disease were plotted on a map according to the general areas of residence. This information was secured from the Pasquotank County Health Department.